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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0059] with the following amended paragraph:

[0059] A clamping lever 53 is pivotably supported on the base part 47 via a pin 54 about an axis extending perpendicular to the two U limbs 49, 51. The clamping lever ~~43~~ 53 includes a clamping arm 57 and an actuation arm 55 which extend in parallel offset to one another. The clamping arm 57 formed in the manner of a tongue extends in a correspondingly shaped recess of the lower U limb 51 and can be pivoted into the region between the two U limbs 49, 51 by pivoting of the clamping lever 53.

Please replace paragraph [0061] with the following amended paragraph:

[0061] A pressure spring ~~54~~ 61 is clamped between a support section 59 fixedly connected to the spindle 45 and the support and guide section 62 and holds the external thread of the spindle 45 and the internal thread of the threaded section 56 of the clamping lever 53 without clearance in every position of the spindle 45.

Please replace paragraph [0064] with the following amended paragraph:

[0064] As already explained above in connection with FIGS. 1 to 5, the actuation of the clamping device including the clamping spindle 45 and the clamping lever 53 takes place with the cutting jig 11 pushed onto the cutting block 15, i.e. the cutting block 15 is located in the intermediate space between the two U limbs 49, 51. A relatively small pivot movement of the clamping lever 53 is therefore sufficient in order to fix the cutting jig 11 at the cutting block 15 via the clamping arm 57 coming into clamping engagement with the lower side of the ~~closing~~ cutting block 15.